

what we are, partisanship. Party politics erases principles. There are not state's persons in this Legislature. There are dyed-in-the-wool hat politicians who are interested in upholding their party and the interest of their party. The term "the people" or "the public" is put on and off like a loose garment as circumstances dictate. If we are really interested which I know we are not, and I am speaking for the record, in doing those things to give everybody a decent shot at having a livable place to reside and dwell and rear their children, the types of amendments which are going to be added to this bill would not be added. The bill would take on an entirely different character. We would make sure that certain funds are guaranteed to be available for those people who really need them but that is a hoax and a sham. When time comes for election, when you go to those areas where people are poor or where you have the liberals, then you say I am in favor of the people, I am in favor of making money available for community development and by the community I include those who are poor, can't get access to the traditional means of financing. Then you go to the wealthy and you say, well, look here, let's go to LB 626 and let me show you the amendments I have got on there. By George, I fixed it so you can have your whole city, your whole financial districts, your banks where you keep...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...millions of dollars declared blighted and/or substandard so you can now get this money. It is a disheartening type of thing but not discouraging because Legislatures have always functioned in the way this one is functioning and there is no need for a person like me to expect it to be any different. People like me must realize that the job is very, very difficult. It is going to remain difficult. The people are going to be overrun as a person would be by a herd of stampeding elephants if he or she is buried in the earth up to his or her neck. That is what I see happening here. I know I cannot stop it but I am going to talk against it and oppose it in every way that I can. In the interest of honesty, I am opposed to Senator Beutler's amendment because I want it to be as easy for these scoundrels to grab this money as possible. Then I want to, as I say, whether you adopt his amendment or not, eliminate any requirement of blighted or substandard.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labedz. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.